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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY  
AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE IN-LIEU WATER STORAGE  
AGREEMENT WITH PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, ANTELOPE VALLEY-EAST  
KERN WATER AGENCY, AND ANTELOPE VALLEY STATE WATER  
CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40,  
ANTELOPE VALLEY:**

1. Find that this Agreement is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to negotiate and execute an In-Lieu Water Storage Agreement between the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley (District), the Palmdale Water District (PWD), the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (AVEK), and the Antelope Valley State Water Contractors Association (Association).

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to negotiate and execute an In-Lieu Water Storage Agreement between the District, PWD, AVEK, and the Association to improve the District's water supply reliability during high demand periods. The Agreement will allow the District to purchase 420 acre-feet of State Water Project water from AVEK for delivery to PWD via the California Aqueduct. PWD will utilize the purchased water to meet its customers' demands in lieu of pumping its groundwater. Upon request by the District, PWD will deliver 420 acre-feet of its groundwater to the District via an existing interconnection between PWD and the District's water systems.

This Agreement is taken as a proactive measure to provide the District with additional supply to meet this summer's high water demands or in case of emergencies.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence by improving water supply reliability for the District's customers.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund.

The total estimated cost to the District under this Agreement is \$131,000. Funding for the Agreement is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The District, a public water system formed pursuant to Division 16 of the California Water Code, has the legal authority to acquire and conserve water supplies from any available source, including underground water basins within the same county and imported supplies, per Section 55335 of the California Water Code. Furthermore, the District has the legal authority to provide the District's customers with water for irrigation, domestic, industrial, or fire protection purposes through facilities of the District, or other facilities, pursuant to Section 55330 of the California Water Code.

This Agreement has been approved by PWD, AVEK, and the Association and has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed Agreement is statutorily exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15282(u) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Section 1729 of the California Water Code.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended action.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Waterworks Division.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel